

THE INCREDIBLE PAINTING OF FELIX CLOUSSEAU JON AGEE



**“OUTRAGEOUS!” the judges
cried. “Ridiculous!” Who would
dare enter a portrait of a duck
in the Grand Contest of Art?**

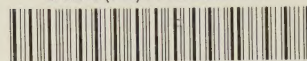
**But when Felix Clousseau’s
painting *quacks*, he is hailed as
a genius. Suddenly everyone
wants a Clousseau masterpiece,
and the unknown painter
becomes an overnight sensation.
That’s when the trouble begins.**

**Felix Clousseau’s painting is
alive with surprises in Jon Agee’s
hilarious portrayal of the old
adage, “Art imitates life.”**

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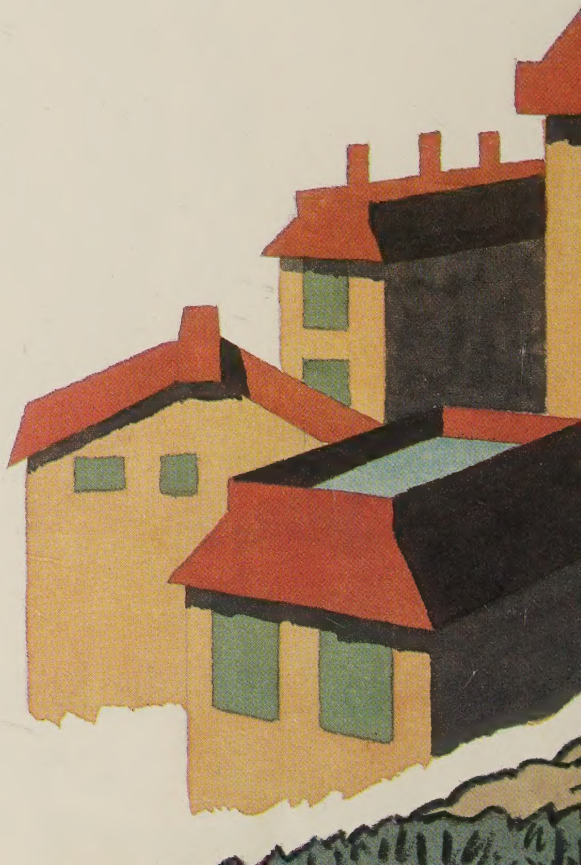
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**IN PARIS, the Royal Palace
was holding its Grand Contest of Art.
From all over the city, painters
came to show their pictures.**



One of them was an unknown painter named Felix Clousseau.



All the great artists were there.
Gaston du Stroganoff showed
The King on His Throne.
Felicien CaffayOllay showed
The King on Horseback.
Alphonse LeCamembair
showed *The King in Armor.*





Then Clousseau showed
his painting.


“Outrageous!” the judges cried.

Never had they seen such
a ridiculous painting.

Then, suddenly—








QUACK!

a sound came from the painting.
The judges were stunned.

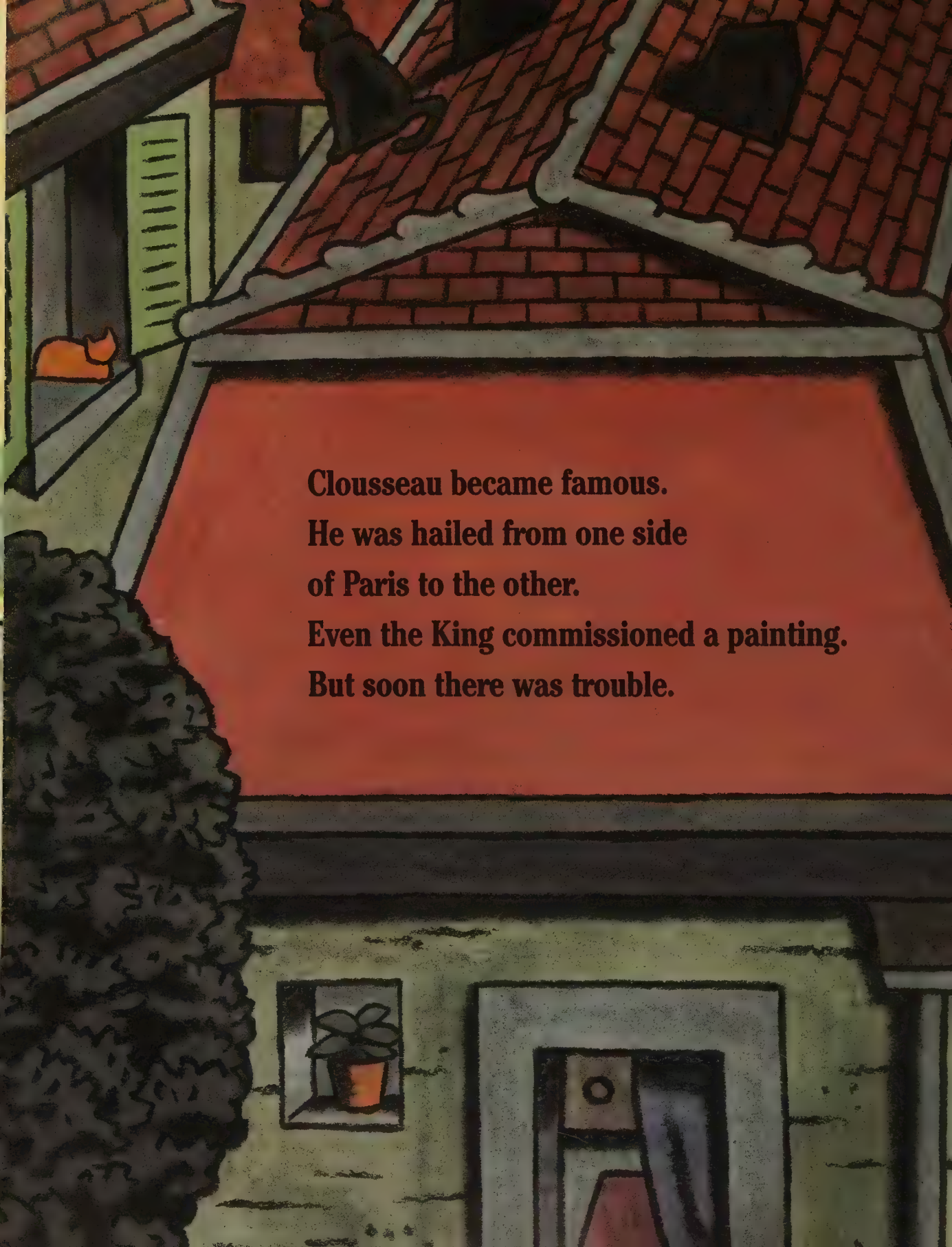


**Clousseau was awarded the Grand Prize.
They called him a genius.
It was the first time in history
a painting had quacked.**





**But that was only
half of it.**



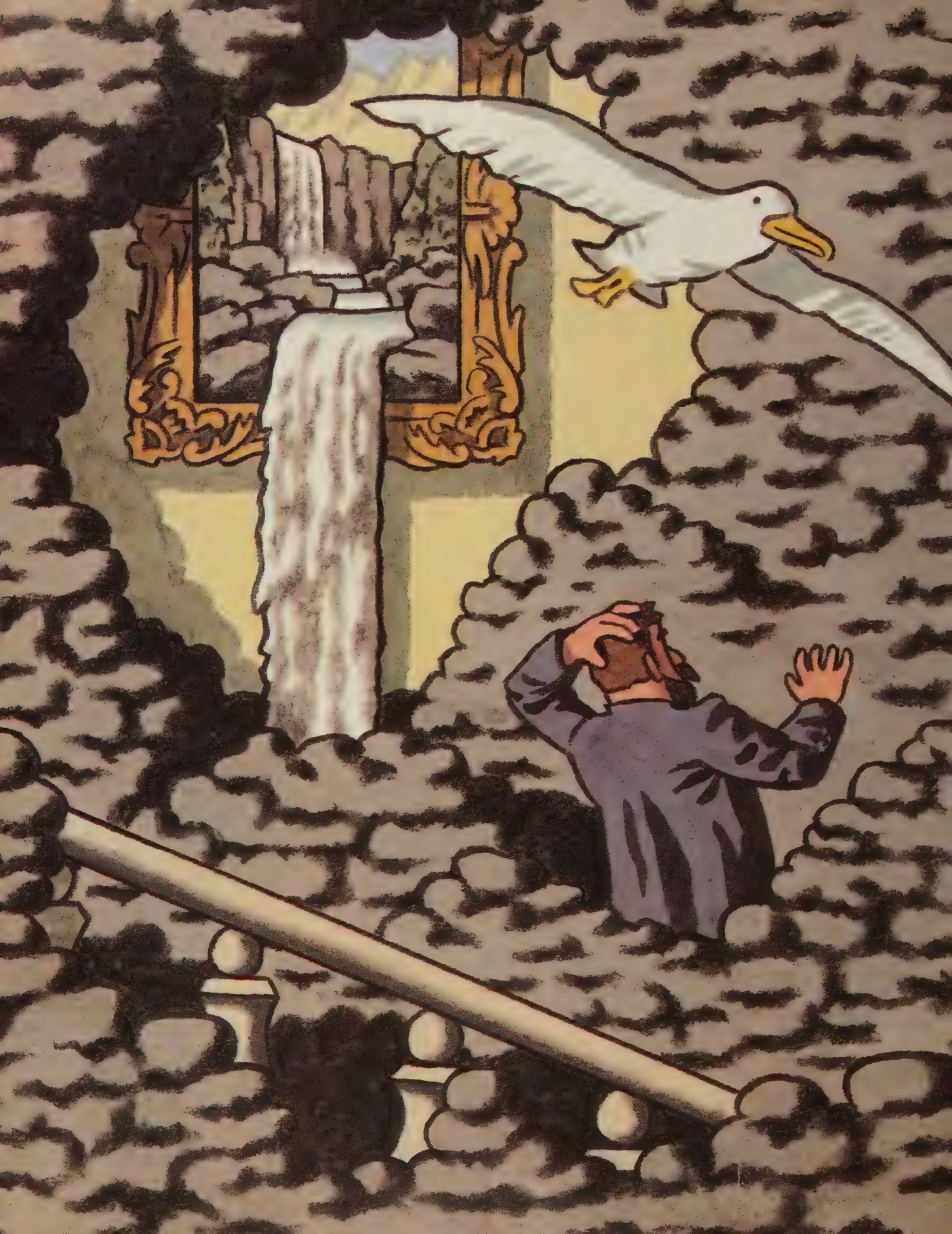
Clousseau became famous.
He was hailed from one side
of Paris to the other.
Even the King commissioned a painting.
But soon there was trouble.



A wealthy baroness owned a Clousseau painting
called *The Sleeping Boa Constrictor*.
One night, it awoke.

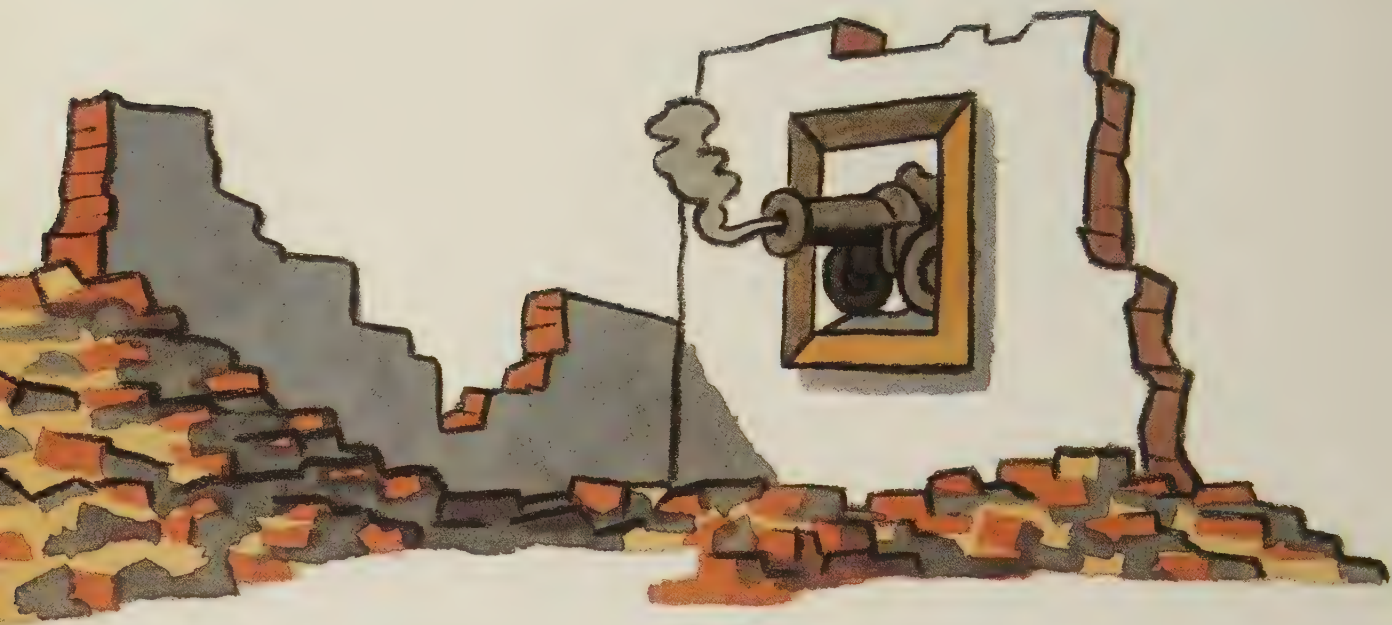






In fact, wherever there was
a Clousseau canvas, there was chaos.





The public was furious!

There were damages! Somebody had to pay!

So Clousseau was sent to prison.





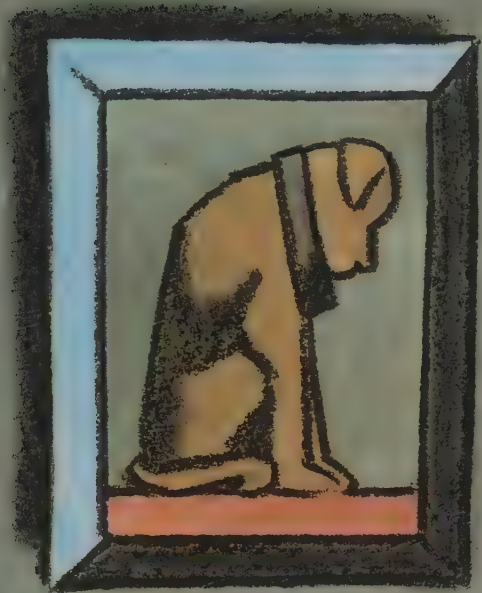
Clousseau's paintings were seized
...all except one.



Meanwhile,
a notorious jewel thief
was on the loose. All over Paris,
diamonds, emeralds, and sapphires
were missing.



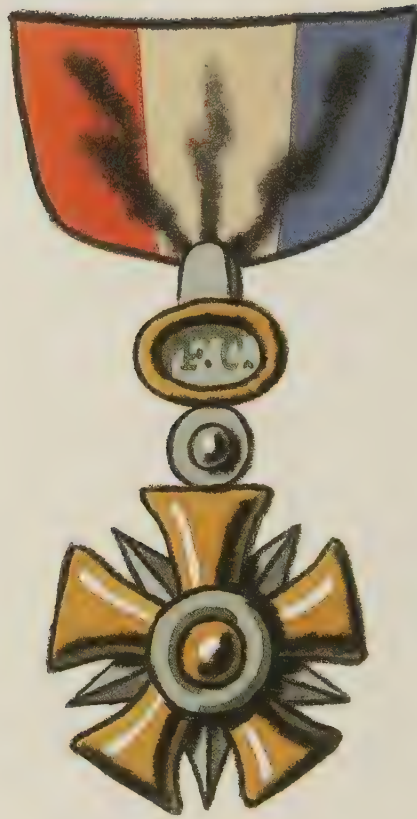
One night, the thief
broke into the King's Palace
to steal the crown.



The next morning,
to the King's surprise, he found the thief—
caught in the grasp of a ferocious dog.
The crown was saved.

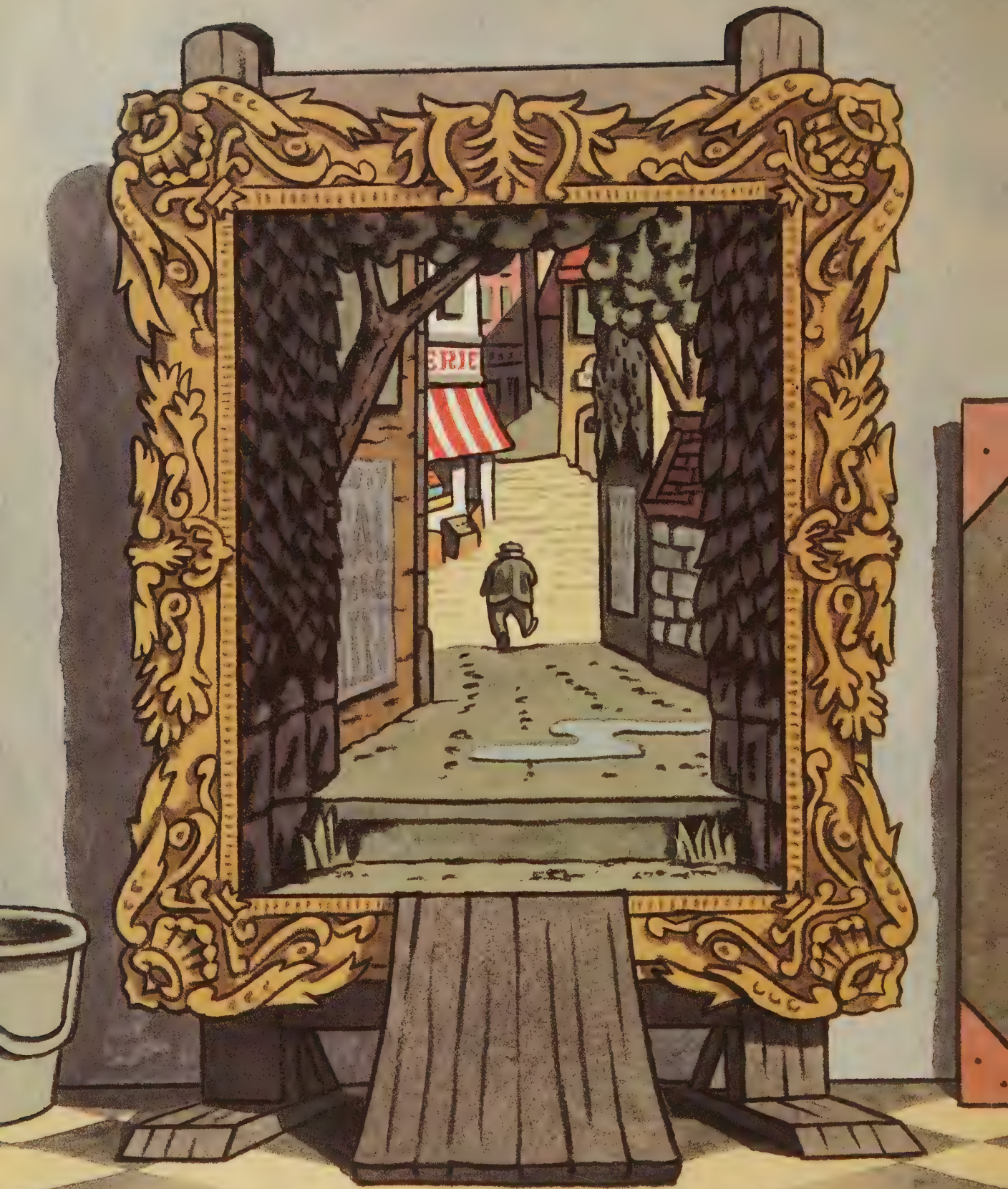







**Clousseau was a hero.
He was awarded the Medal of Honor.
Released from prison,
he went back to his studio...**





and returned to his painting.



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